(SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA)

Ministers since December 1956. But four cars purchased for Guest Houses have been lent to Ministers for their use.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*) above.

Soil Survey in the State.

Q.—966. Sri A. R. BADRI NARAYAN (Thirthahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether soil surveys are conducted in the State and if so, in what areas ;

(*b*) whether any comprehensive scheme has been drawn up for the purpose ?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Yes. Soil Survey of specific areas as detailed below have been conducted :—

1. A pre-irrigation survey of an area of over 1,200,000 acres in the Taluks of Malavalli, Mandya and Maddur, was carried out during 1930 and 1933 and Block System of irrigation and crop rotation were recommended.

2. A survey of lands of the Vani Vilas Sagar Atchkat in the Chitaldrug District was conducted during 1942 and 1943 with a view to demarcate areas and extent of land that come under Paddy and Garden crops. The total area covered was about 25,000 acres. Suitable cropping programme was recommended.

3. A limited Soil Survey of areas in the Pandavapura Taluk with a view to suggest remedial measures for lands known to be suffering from perched water table was done in 1940 and 1941. Measures for improving the drainage capacity of the lands were suggested.

4. An intensive genetic soil survey of areas proposed to be brought under irrigation in areas of Bellary and Raichur Districts under T.B.P. has been done.

On the basis of this survey cultivation of crops is recommended under dry-*cum*-wet, wet and perennial conditions of irrigation.

5. In the areas of Bombay Karnatak now merged in Mysore State a reconnaissance of Districtwise survey was carried out in the Districts of Bijapur, Belgaum and Dharwar and the soils classified into important types.

6. A traverse survey of areas proposed to be irrigated under the Bhadra Project in parts of Shimoga and Chitaldrug Districts was carried out during 1947 and 1950. Demarcation of lands suitable for different crops has been done.

(*b*) 1. A scheme for Soil Conservation Surveys and Research has been submitted by the Director of Agriculture under the 2nd Five-Year Plan for the purposes of assessing erosion and proper land utilisation. It is under consideration of Government.

2. Among survey for specific purposes, a resurvey of Sugarcane Soils in the V.C. Area has also been proposed by the Director of Agriculture. This scheme is for investigation into problems of soil deterioration such as salinity, alkalinity and soil exhaustion under continued sugarcane growing. This is under consideration of Government.

Repair of Bridge over Jadcal River, Coondapoor Taluk.

Q.—1001. Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY (Baindur).)—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the date when the bridge over Jadkal River, Coondapur Taluk, South Kanara District, collapsed ;

(*b*) the action they have taken to repair the said bridge ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works),—

(*a*) In the year 1937.

(*b*) An estimate for Rs. 1,81,500 for this work which lies on the inland